

War. There is a wall with 50,000-some people on it. Their names were never read on the floor. They ought to be read here and not forgotten.

#### LOCAL HEROES

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as the American people saw on national television this morning, the Indiana flood of 2003 moves forward at a heart-breaking, record-setting pace. The St. Mary's River in Decatur, Indiana, crested last night at nearly 28 feet, an all-time historic high for that river, and the Wabash River as well. But because of the work of local heroes, like Decatur Mayor Fred Isch, Fire Chief David Brinneman, State Police Master Sergeant Rodger Popplewell, and National Guard Unit Leader Sergeant Mike Hiester, thousands of volunteers filled more than 176,000 sandbags in Decatur, Indiana, alone. And when the St. Mary's River crested, it did not break the levee.

There are so many to be commended, but I remember two in particular, Decatur Police Officer Mark Cook, who organized the sandbag filling at the Wal-Mart parking lot, and even 13-year-old Melanie Vergary, who went out and worked and stuffed bags.

The Chaplain said today, "unless the Lord watches over the city." Surely, Mr. Speaker, we would ask the Lord to watch over this city and all the cities in Indiana affected by the flood of 2003 and all those who labored to protect it.

#### LABOR-HHS BILL SHORTCHANGES NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today this House will consider the appropriations bill for education. As the only former State schools chief serving in Congress, I think I know better than anyone the impact education cuts can have on teachers, our students, our schools, and the future of this great country. This bill contains Draconian education cuts.

Last Congress I voted to pass the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Act for education reform. I supported it because the President and the Republican leadership promised to provide the funding needed to make this reform work. But today's bill shatters that promise by cutting \$8 billion below the authorization level of this new law. Educational cuts of this magnitude will devastate morale in our schools and doom our children to an educational system that is designed to fail. Our children and our schools deserve better.

I have introduced legislation to require full funding of the No Child Left

Behind bill, and I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this bill and vote against this appropriation bill.

#### LAW NEEDED TO BAN CLONING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, recently scientists in a lab in Chicago took a female human embryo and injected into it cells from a male human embryo, creating what they called a mixed-sex embryo.

In the name of progress, some scientists are pushing the limits of medical ethics with their experimentation and toying with human life, and this is what happened in Chicago last week. But the fact that it happened opens the door to even further laboratory experiments in manufacturing human life.

The effect of unethical research is that it turns human life into a commodity to be bought and sold to the highest bidder or to the most advanced laboratory. The more scientists do this type of experimentation, the more likely we will face a situation described in science fiction books where humans are mass produced in laboratories. We should not go down that road.

What can Congress do about it? We can start by sending the President a cloning ban to sign into law. The other thing we can do is to fund good ethical research.

#### INDEPENDENT COMMISSION/ SPECIAL PROSECUTOR NEEDED

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, two more soldiers, as reported by national news, lost their lives in Iraq this morning. The war continues.

Yesterday, the Secretary of Defense said to the United States Senate, as reported in the Los Angeles Times, "Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said yesterday that the United States' decision to go to war with Iraq was based not on the evidence that Saddam Hussein's regime had chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons, but on old evidence reinterpreted in the wake of September 11, 2001."

Mr. Speaker, what was told to the American people is that we were to be under imminent attack by Saddam Hussein. What was told to the American people was that we were in the line of fire. Mr. Speaker, I believe it is imperative that an independent commission and a special prosecutor be set up, and I believe that it is not frivolous for us to address the question of why the President of the United States addressed this body and suggested there was uranium being bought from Niger on the continent of Africa.

I believe the American people need the truth. More importantly, I believe

the mothers and fathers who have lost their sons and daughters need the truth. We have a responsibility to the American people—tell the truth!

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMONS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

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The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MCNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 341, nays 64, answered "present" 1, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 346]

YEAS—341

Ackerman	Case	Galleghy
Akin	Castle	Garrett (NJ)
Alexander	Chabot	Gerlach
Andrews	Chocola	Gilchrest
Baca	Clyburn	Gillmor
Bachus	Coble	Gingrey
Baker	Cole	Gonzalez
Ballance	Collins	Goode
Ballenger	Conyers	Goodlatte
Barrett (SC)	Cox	Gordon
Bartlett (MD)	Crenshaw	Granger
Barton (TX)	Crowley	Graves
Bass	Culberson	Green (TX)
Beauprez	Cummings	Green (WI)
Becerra	Cunningham	Greenwood
Bell	Davis (AL)	Grijalva
Bereuter	Davis (CA)	Hall
Berkley	Davis (FL)	Harris
Berman	Davis (IL)	Hastings (FL)
Berry	Davis (TN)	Hastings (WA)
Biggert	Davis, Jo Ann	Hayes
Billirakis	Davis, Tom	Hayworth
Bishop (GA)	Deal (GA)	Hensarling
Bishop (NY)	DeGette	Herger
Bishop (UT)	Delahunt	Hill
Blackburn	DeLauro	Hinojosa
Blumenauer	DeLay	Hobson
Blunt	DeMint	Hoefel
Boehlert	Deutsch	Hoekstra
Boehner	Diaz-Balart, L.	Holden
Bonilla	Diaz-Balart, M.	Honda
Bonner	Dicks	Hooley (OR)
Bono	Doggett	Hostettler
Boozman	Dooley (CA)	Houghton
Boswell	Doolittle	Hoyer
Boucher	Doyle	Hunter
Boyd	Dreier	Inslee
Bradley (NH)	Duncan	Isakson
Brady (TX)	Dunn	Israel
Brown (SC)	Ehlers	Issa
Brown, Corrine	Emanuel	Istook
Brown-Waite,	Emerson	Jackson (IL)
Ginny	Engel	Janklow
Burgess	Eshoo	Jefferson
Burns	Etheridge	Jenkins
Burr	Evans	John
Buyer	Farr	Johnson (CT)
Calvert	Feeney	Johnson (IL)
Camp	Ferguson	Johnson, Sam
Cannon	Flake	Jones (NC)
Cantor	Foley	Kanjorski
Capito	Forbes	Kaptur
Capps	Ford	Keller
Cardin	Frank (MA)	Kelly
Cardoza	Franks (AZ)	Kennedy (RI)
Carson (IN)	Frelinghuysen	Kildee
Carter	Frost	Kilpatrick